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SUBJECT: Briefing of Congressman Edward J. Markey (D., MA)  
on Grenada

1. On Sunday, 31 October, I briefed Congressman Ed Markey on Grenada in his office in the Cannon House Office Building from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The talking points from which I spoke are attached.

2. I outlined for Markey what we knew about events in Grenada between the time that Prime Minister Bishop was arrested and executed. Markey's principle focus was on why the U.S. had determined that Grenada under the Coard/Austin regime had suddenly become a threat to its neighbors and therefore the U.S. had invaded the island. I told him that his question could only be answered by State Department or the White House. Most of his questioning revolved around this same theme, and the briefing no doubt was a frustrating for him as it was for me.

3. He did take some interest in the early reports of captured documents and the nature of the military build-up on the island.

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